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Two vital League games this weekend

JUVENTUS SHOULD REGAIN PRESTIGE AGAINST GEO. CROSS AT OLYMPIC PARK

by MORRIE BUCKNER

The match points in Saturday's fixture at Olympic Park are of vital importance to both Juventus and George Cross in their battle to stay with the leaders, and they are bound to put on a determined and desperate thriller.

Both were beaten last week, and neither can afford another defeat at this stage.



● George Cross right-back Eddie Sacco (left) gives Hellas outside-left John Bedford a lift at the Olympic Park match which attracted 12,000 fans on Saturday.

Both sides have been hit by injuries, too. Juventus is still without ace forward Frank Barbazza (wrist), and George Cross may not be able to field Don Hodgson (groin) and Joe Falzon (knee), to say nothing of the earlier losses of Zielinski (fractured leg) and Abela (knee).

Last week, George Cross put Montague, formerly of Prague-Sydney, in at inside-left, but for one reason or another, he never got into the game. He obviously needed more time to play his way into the side.

Then another newcomer, Binnie, came on to replace Hodgson at the 35-minute mark. He looked effective in the last 30 minutes, and could prove to be a valuable recruit.

Young Rajenkowski battled hard in the forward line for Juventus last Sunday, and he could hold his place there. But the fans are left wondering about the whereabouts of Bottari and Fioraventi, who could be useful against George Cross.

With the Zebras' wing-half Griggs showing signs of a return to form, and with Barbon and Bressan doing their share in the centre, George Cross are bound to feel the absence of Hodgson and Joe Falzon in the mid-field sector, and a heavy burden will fall on Muscat, Sacco and Fred Falzon.

At the other end, Frangione will have his hands full keeping track of Marshall Gibb, but together with Bukkos, one of the most constructive defenders in the league, may be able to control attacks from the right.

But Juventus seems to be vulnerable to attacks from the left. Right full-back Wally Patterson has been caught napping twice in that area in recent weeks — in the Croat and Hakoah games — and these unfortunate lapses may have contributed somewhat to the single goals that meant the difference between draws and defeats, and the two-point difference between sixth place on the ladder and equal leadership.

But these two incidents can't be blamed for the unimpressive record put up by Juventus in its last five matches — one win, two draws, and two defeats, with five goals "for", and five goals "against". It was the team's inability to score goals against Lions and Croat which was the glaring lapse of the last five rounds.

Since the Zebras always play their best against the best kind of opposition, this could be their week.

SOUTH SIGN JOHN (2)

Harry Harrison, secretary for South Melbourne Juniors, signed his youngest recruit this weekend, John R. McNamara, aged 2.

Young John is the son of one of the old South Melbourne footballers, Bobby McNamara, who was always acknowledged as one of the greatest club men that South ever had.

He is now one of Hellas' most keen supporters.



● It's action stations at Olympic Park on Sunday as Juventus goalkeeper Beurcht-Toll's an attack from Hakoah's winger Thomas (left) and Bobby Adams.

Soccer Weekly photographer Uwe Kuessner took this picture and the one on the left if you want a copy, contact him at 10 Dudley Parade, Canterbury.

J.U.S.T. AND WILHELMINA AT THE PARK ON SUNDAY

J.U.S.T. and Wilhelmina, two of the classiest teams in the State League, meet at Olympic Park on Sunday and can be counted on to give the fans an eyeful of technical virtuosity even if they fail to score many goals.

As of last week, J.U.S.T. is the actual leader of the league on goal percentage and joint leader with two other teams on match points.

Wilhelmina, however, is the virtual leader. If the Dutch side had not had its win over Slavia scrubbed off the record, it would have been the outright leader with 11 points after the seventh round.

As matters stand, with the replay of this match in hand, Wilhelmina is in the box seat in fourth place with nine points, only one point behind the three joint leaders.

J.U.S.T. has beaten Hakoah, Slavia and Moreland in the last four weeks, and dropped a 1-2 decision to George Cross.

Its eight goals in these four matches indicates that it has its shooting boots on, and its four goals "against" in the first seven rounds is the best defensive record in the top league to date.

Its front line — Schumacher, Marinovic, van der Poel, Vollman and Rodok — is beginning to combine well and is getting good support from wing-halves Buha and Rice.

And the rear echelon —

Micic, Ladehof, Grego, and a stellar collection of football brains in van Alphen, de Bruyckere, Godthelp, Jankovic — is making it tough for the opposition to score goals.

On Sunday, this group will be thoroughly tested by the fence.

HAKOAH'S NARROW 3-2 WIN

Luck seldom favors Hakoah, and without any outstanding stars in its side, it must win or lose the hard way. But last Sunday at Olympic Park, Lady Luck favored the Blues slightly and crowned a really gallant effort with a 3-2 win over Juventus.

To suggest that luck favored Hakoah even slightly will probably make the Blues' supporters furious. But here are the two "lucky" incidents.

At 37 minutes, Hakoah left-winger Rogers centred the ball for McQuillan. Moving to intercept, Frangione stumbled and fell. In falling, he flung out his right hand to deflect the ball from McQuillan. The referee awarded Hakoah a penalty for "hands", and Hartley converted it with his usual competence.

Here the element of luck was not in the scoring of the goal for Hakoah was fully

The luck lies in the fact that Frangione stumbled and fell at such a very critical moment.

Haynes scored a good early goal for Hakoah when he made maximum use of a pass from Hucker, and the penalty goal gave Hakoah a 2-0 half-time lead.

Juventus fought back after the interval and often had Hakoah's defence in trouble. But the Zebras failed to reduce Hakoah's lead until the 82nd minute, when Acunzo's centre was deflected into the net by Biro with a smart header.

A minute later, Hakoah was again under attack when left full-back Don Wood cleared the ball upfield

to reach Ben McQuillan, who was the only Hakoah player in the Juventus half of the field.

He was unmarked, and had no difficulty in beating goalie Beurcht to restore Hakoah's two-goal lead.

But five minutes later, just before the final whistle, Bukkos delivered the ball to Biro, whose nicely-timed pass was netted by Acunzo to make the result 3-2.

Best for Hakoah were Mannering — this was possibly Dal's best effort this year — Alexander, Woodward, Adams, Hartley, Hucker and Thomas.

Best for Juventus were Bukkos, Frangione, Griggs, Barbon, Acunzo and Biro.

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TRIDENT JUNIORS DOWN TO SUNSHINE CITY

Sunshine City were beaten 3-0 by Trident under-14's, writes Albert Merrills

Sunshine won the toss and kicked uphill going into attack. Trident cleared their lines and the game settled down with both teams attacking well.

Sunshine forwards began to pass the ball and had three shots at goal. Trident won a corner after a move down their left wing. From the corner kick Trident almost scored from a shot by Bodziny which hit the cross bar.

From the goal kick Trident applied the pressure to give Sunshine goalies anxious moments. A shot outside the penalty area by Wrobel just passed over the bar.

Just on half-time Trident received a penalty; their sharp shooter Chudiak took the kick only to place it outside the upright.

Soon after half-time Trident opened the scoring when a free kick from Chudiak gave Sunshine's goalie no chance. The game was a thriller with both teams playing hard.

Sunshine's little outside-right Fenech was carried from the field after a kick on the knee.

Richards picked up a loose ball on the half-way line and with two full-backs in pursuit passed to Bodziny.

Good forward play put Trident on top and their third goal was scored by Wrobel.

This game would have been a crowd pleaser at Olympic Park. However, it was watched by a fair crowd of enthusiastic supporters.

BRIGHTON WIN

In the under-18 section Melbourne were beaten by Brighton 2-1 in a hard-fought game.

Melbourne kicked off and headed for goal but Brighton cleared and went into attack. Brighton opened the scoring when a corner kick taken by Pritchard gave T. Dancer a point-blank shot.

Brighton kept up the attack. Melbourne full-backs Gombos and Barna were rock-like defenders. A header from G. Hay had Melbourne's goalie beaten but was unlucky to have the ball hit the upright. Half-time: 1-0.

In the second half both teams played good soccer. Brighton's second goal came after a goal-mouth scramble. Moreira getting his foot to the ball and pushing it in.

Melbourne outside-left Karczag, with a hard drive tested Brighton's goalkeeper, who pushed it over the bar.

Silver, Melbourne's centre-forward, playing loose, scored their only goal with a terrific solo effort, leaving the Brighton defence well behind.

Silver and Abonia were best for Melbourne. Hay, Burg, Mace for Brighton. Sandringham v. Juventus under-16's fought out the best game seen at Sandringham in three seasons.

Sandringham went to the lead early with two quick goals. Juventus then settled down and equalised. Up to half-

time the scoring continued for goal with a half-time score of 4-1. After the interval Juventus took the lead which was again equalised by a terrific 30-yard drive from Argerea.

A lucky goal gave Sandringham the final lead, which they held until the whistle at close of play, score being Sandringham 6, Juventus 5.

Goal-scorers for Sandy: Zamanos 3, Argerea 2, Pullar 1. Best player: Coombes.

For Juventus: Minala 3, T. Mariani 2, Best players: Borbin and Ursini.

BOX HILL CLOSE

Springvale under-16's scored a good win over Box Hill, and although winning by 4-0, did not have things all their own way.

The Box Hill goalie put up a great effort and saved his team from what could have been a heavier defeat. Scorers were Jack Van Ess, Beasley, Hans Rubens and Waaldijk.

The under-14 team were defeated for the first time this season by South Melbourne, who now take the league lead.

In an even game, South scored the only goal, while their goalie was called upon to make many saves.

Paul Rubens was a passenger for Springvale with a sprained ankle. The game was well refereed by Mr Delagne.

Just a reminder about the North Sunshine Junior Club "International" dance to be held at the Melbourne Town Hall on June 2. All clubs are invited to participate.

Some teams are still failing to phone in the scores, reminding in fines for their clubs. It is essential that scores be phoned to Olympic Park on Saturday afternoon between 2 and 4. Phone BM 5309.

Under-16 trials start on Sunday, May 27, at 8th Melb-Hellas ground, starting 10 a.m.

CUP DRAWS FOR SATURDAY, MAY 19
UNDER-12
Polonia v. E. St. Athans (Sokki); Essendon v. Sunshine; Aspendale v. Sunshine City; W. Newport (Lechia) v. 8. Heart.

UNDER-14
Noble Park Tech v. Sunshine C; Springvale v. Aspendale; A. George v. Trident; Lions Melb. v. Slavia Pt. Melb.

UNDER-16
Bry - Crocydon; Trident v. J.U.S.T.; Frankston B v. Moorabbin; Lions Melb. v. Slavia P. Melb; Aspendale v. Sandringham; Glenroy v. George Cross.

UNDER-18
Box Hill v. W. Newport (Lechia); Polonia v. Nth. Sunshine; Frankston A v. Hakoah; Bayswater v. Springvale; Polonia Park v. Olympia; Broadmeadows v. Wilhelmian; Dandenong v. Essendon; Sunshine City v. Noble Park; Lions Melb. v. Ardcer.

UNDER-18
Juventus-Elatn. v. Box Hill; ALL OTHER TEAMS BY TO ROUND TWO.

All drawn games will be replayed on June 2.

Try this!

Here is an opportunity for you to test your skill at forecasting results of the Victorian Soccer Federation games from next weekend.

For a Home Win put (1) in the space provided. For an Away win put (2), and for a Draw (X). Then on Saturday evening tune to "Soccer Half Hour" on 3KZ at 6.15 for the official results.

Space has been provided here for you to take them down as they are read at dictation speed in the following order:-

STATE LEAGUE

Lions v Hakoah
Juventus v George Cross
S. M.-Hellas v Slavia
Melbourne v Moreland
J.U.S.T. v Wilhelmian
Croat v Polonia

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Lions v Hakoah
Juventus v George Cross
S. M.-Hellas v Slavia
Melbourne v Moreland
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Croat v Polonia

FIRST NORTH

Sunshine City v Box Hill
University v Collingwood
Heidelberg v Florentina
Maccabi v Moonee Ponds
Croatia v Alexander
Sicilia v Corio

FIRST SOUTH

Sandringham v Austria
Richmond v Brighton
Dandenong v Oakleigh
Yallourn v Trident
Macedonia v Bayswater
Geelong v Ferntree Gully

SECOND NORTH

Fairfield v Essendon
I.C.I. v N/Olympia
Cwealth Banks v Libertas
Seymour v St. Albans
Williamstown v W.W.F.
Coburg v Bendigo

SECOND SOUTH

Kensington v Ringwood
Craydon v F.N.D.
Rosebud v Moorabbin
Park Rangers v Frankston
South Yarra v Prahran
Triestina v Sunshine Heights

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Macedonia v Bayswater
Geelong v Ferntree Gully

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES

Ajax v Ringwood
Geelong v Azzurri
Springvale v Moorabbin
Park Rangers v Brunswick
South Yarra v Prahran
Bell Park v Bankat

FILM NIGHT AT SPRINGVALE

Springvale Soccer Club hold a special Soccer and dance night at the Chanika Hall, Springvale 3 yards from the station) on Friday, May 18, at 8 o'clock.

All soccer fans and their neds from the Dandenong, orabbin and Oakleigh ricts are invited.

Films include the 1960 1961 cup finals, Stanley thews showing shots in the world's best soccer yer. Education of res in England, shots in international games, ingvale under-14 v th Melbourne-Hellas at mpic Park, as well as ce with the Three Cles ce band. Supper will e iced.

For details from 546-7, after hours.



TALKING POINT in English League soccer now that the season has ended is the problem of "falling attendances," which has already caused Accrington Stanley to fold up, and many other Third and Fourth Division clubs will show "red entries" in this year's balance sheets.

Season 1948-49 saw the peak post-war crowds at English soccer. In that period nearly 42 million fans watched over 2000 league games in the four divisions.

THE European Cup Final will be played at Wembley next season... if the F.A. want it. And I cannot see the Lancaster Gate bosses turning down the show game of the year.

Within the next few days all the Soccer associations of Europe will be asked if they wish to stage the final. That is a formality.

But I can tell you that the European Union confidently expect the game to go to Wembley as part of the F.A. Centenary celebrations.

The 1958 Real Madrid- Eintracht final pulled in a 134,000 crowd at Hampden.

MANCHESTER City are reckoned favorites for JOE BAKER (Torino), the former England centre-forward, but they will have strong competition from Sheffield Wednesday, who have always fancied the ex-Hibs leader.

Wednesday general manager Eric Taylor and

three directors were in Amsterdam last week, with Baker and not the European Cup Final as top priority.

Providing they are satisfied that Baker is 100 per cent fit and the fee demanded is not excessive by English standards, Wednesday will bid.

PETE ESCARTIN, the former Spanish goalkeeper, has had spectacular success in the soccer world. From player he jumped to being a first-class referee in Spain, then he was appointed sole selector of the Spanish international side. Now he's chairman of the FIFA Referee Committee.

SWEDEN is protecting her home footballers' market! A player who intends to leave the country to play elsewhere has to give his intention a year in advance to the Swedish F.A.

FORMER Scottish international winger Gordon Smith has set a new Scottish record. The "Gay Gordon" has now won league championship medals with three clubs - Hibernian, Hearts and Dundee.

THE manager who has played the all-important

part in getting Genoa FC promotion to the Italian First Division is wing-half Eddie Firmani. Eddie, a South African-Italian, had a spell with English club Charlton Athletic.

REMEMBER Bill Perry the speedy South African who graced the left-wing berth for Blackpool on their Australian tour in 1958? Bill, now 31 and Blackpool's longest serving professional, has been placed on the open-transfer list. He has made 423 appearances for the seashiders, scored 129 goals and was capped three times for England.

His greatest performance was in 1953 when he scored a last-minute all-important goal at Wembley to give Blackpool the F.A. Cup.

THE Hungarian MTK Soccer Club is to take part in this year's New York summer international tournament which opens in New York on July 4.

FRANCE is the latest country to size their main league down. In season 1963-64 the French First Division will be reduced from 20 to 18 clubs.

-JIM COOK.

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Croat are not expected to use their Collier Street ground at Preston for some weeks, if at all this season.

because of water restrictions it had deteriorated. He said the club are trying to find a better ground in the metropolitan area. In the meantime, next Saturday's game against Polonia will be played at Elsternwick Park, Elsternwick.

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ON THE STATE LEAGUE

By DUNCAN McDUGALL

Last week's unpredictable form in the "fringe" games leaves the selection of this week's results anybody's guess.

There could be just the slightest chance of two draws on the card.

One at McDonald Reserve, where Melbourne could be knocked off their dainty style for a points score against a desperate Moreland, and the other "division of the spoils" in the battle between Croat and Polonia.

LIONS v HAKOAH

Congratulations to Lions on last week's break from the run of "outs" during which they collected their first full points for the season.

Lions may have put their feet on dry land at last, now that the task of absorbing the intake of former Richmond players and moulding them into the structure of their team and tactics is completed.

In the Lions goal Voight is a capable hander of all types of shots, maybe displaying a little weakness with ground shots, which he will do well to overcome as much as possible before Villers of Hakoah gets in his scoring low drives.

Kneifel, Landherr, and Watson make up a Lions' attack that much better than its "goals against" record would suggest.

However, in the face of a steadily improving Hakoah team, with its "get tough" policy in defence, this will be one game — in what will probably be a long fight to keep a foothold in State League — that Lions will find themselves getting very little change out of the Middle Parkers.

Manning in goal has forsaken his unnecessary stylishness for a more direct and less dangerous approach, without the

trimmings, which boils down to a good shot being needed before he's beaten.

Adams is a pillar of consistent form in the Hakoah mid-line. Planked by Hucker and Hartley, he forms what is probably the best attack destroying trio in the league.

Up front Hakoah are streets ahead of anything Lions are likely to field.

The evergreen Syd Thomas never seems to play a really bad game, and newcomer McQuillan performs better in the middle than when employed in a supporting role at inside, where the tougher-than-he-looks Villers has most of the shots in his locker.

Whatever playing improvements Lions may make into this game, I doubt they will be heavily outweighed, right from Alexander and Woodward, by a combination much more experienced in the ways and wiles of the State League.

S.M.-HELLAS v SLAVIA

At Middle Park against the joint leaders, S.M.-Hellas, a severely handicapped Slavia side can't expect much other than being on the wrong side of the tracks when the points are dished out.

Slavia as usual will defend every inch to the bitter end, but Hellas are riding on the crest of the wave at the moment.

Margarites improves with each game; Tsolakis and Smith raid intelligently, supplying numerous opportunities, and this, the league's top scoring front line, is exceptionally well-supported by an evenly balanced defence in which Xanthopoulos, Mantarakas and Kouroulakos are the rocks on which the Slavia forwards will be wrecked. Slavia, slipping nearer the bottom of the league, are in dire straits through injuries to Cook

and Angstenberger, both with legs in plaster and Gross suffering from a facial injury.

With the enforced depletion of their forwards, the solid Slavia defence will be on "overtime rates" right from the opening whistle.

On this defence depends the rise or fall of the Slavia fortunes and mainly on how long their courageous rearguard can stave off the inevitable.

For a side so low in the league, the 1.5 goals conceded by Slavia conjures up the thought as to where this team could go with even a couple of reliable forwards.

Slavia's problem is whether to "blood" young reserves against the battle-toughened Greeks, and even if all they get is experience the experiment will be a pay-off for the future.

Hellas cannot afford to make mistakes at this period of the championship, nor do I expect them to do so.

A win to Hellas. Otherwise, the week's biggest and best surprise.

MELB. v MORELAND

It is to be hoped that Melbourne do not regard their victory over a weakened Slavia anything like a first-class performance.

The decline of Moreland is hard to understand, as the standard of soccer has not improved to such an extent where each team can use Moreland as a chopping block.

The Moreland form is a good pointer against any ideas the Federation may be entertaining with regard to additions to the State League.

Even at this stage Moreland can only hope for a miracle to save them from the relegation scaffold. Not in a particularly cheery spot themselves, Melbourne will be all out for goals and points.

Everything indicates that the Hungarians will get them this week, and maybe manage to keep a clean slate themselves.

Although it shows a lack of sheer determination on the part of Moreland, it is unfortunately true and hard to believe that any team after 630 minutes of play can net the ball only on three occasions. No doubt the worst record of any team since the State League inception.

This game should be won by Melbourne, but with their unimpressive record, a desperate Moreland may snatch an equally desperate win.

THE SIDE THAT TOPS HELLAS WILL WIN THE PENNANT

by MORRIE BUCKNER

South Melbourne-Hellas gave over 12,000 fans incontestable proof last Saturday that any team that can top Hellas on the ladder after the next 15 rounds is the team that will win the State League championship.

CROAT v POLONIA

Croat failed to produce anything resembling their start of the season form last week at Ringwood, and will need an all round speed up, even to beat an unusually struggling Polish side.

Croat is a victim of the same malady that most of the State teams suffer from, namely the lack of a real leader up front.

Not necessarily in the centre, but someone up there who can guide the others into position and can be right on the spot himself when the coup de grace is handed out.

Croat fail to take advantage of practically all the free kicks awarded to them.

Someone ought to explain that there is more to taking a "free" than simply blasting the ball goalwards, in the hope that it will go right through a defender, or perhaps beat an unsighted goalkeeper.

Djukić in the Croat goal is probably the team's strongest feature. Adric at centre-half, when he tempers his over-robustness with a more shrewd tackling approach, could be a first rate defender.

The Polish reserves are woefully weak, as their position in that division indicates. It seems a shortsighted policy of importing window dressing stars when there is nothing on the back shelves.

Croat reserves are below standard and unless the first team can produce a purple patch of form this week, Polonia will be in receipt of two badly needed points.

Hellas only beat George Cross 2-0, and one of its two goals was a "gift". So for the purpose of this exercise, the score means absolutely nothing.

Actually, Hellas showed last Saturday's record crowd the best display of speed, teamwork, understanding and stamina yet seen this season from any side.

It is true that George Cross took the field without Joe Falzon and Horst Zieffski. It is true that Don Hodgson left the field at 35 minutes with a groin injury. It is true that, as a result of all these injuries, George Cross had to field two "green" players in Montague and Binnie.

But the fact remains that Hellas put on an unbeatable performance, and George Cross officials and players conceded after the match that Hellas in its present form and mood may have beaten the Cross at its very best.

This is a personal triumph for coach Manny Poulakakis. In less than a year, he has almost miraculously converted an unfit and temperamental team of in-and-outers into a splendidly consistent football machine which plays heady soccer, gives a knock and takes a knock with unflinching sportsmanship, and can play two hours of top-speed soccer without breathing hard at the finish.

In all these circumstances,

OUT FOR LIFE

Remember the centre-half who was suspended by his club last week? The Federation Disciplinary Committee has suspended him sine die (for ever and ever) and also fined Alexander club \$20 for not keeping control over their players.

George Cross is entitled to a lot of credit for holding Hellas down to two goals.

The first one came at 32 minutes when Xanthopoulos took a free kick from the right wing near the half-way line. He belted a 45-yarder straight for goal. Hobson and Margarites flew high for the ball, but Margarites judged its flight more accurately than the goalie and deflected it with the merest touch of his head past the flying Hobson and into the net.

The second goal came at 60 minutes when Tsolakis popped up a high one towards the goal from the top of his skull.

Hobson and Muscat were both on the goal-line at the right time and the right place and it should have been an easy clearance for either one of them. But each one left it for the other, and it lobbed and bounced in without hindrance.

Best players for Hellas? That's a hard one! Every member of the team earned fulsome praise. Penzo, Xanthopoulos, Mantarakas, Pappadopoulos, Jeremić, Tsolakis, Smith, Hatzeftheriou and Bedford — they all played an inspired game. But perhaps these nine players will not begrudge a special mention of their remaining two team-mates. In blotting out danger-man Marshall Gibb, Basil Kouroulakakis gave a superlative performance at centre-half. And the deft and constructive touches shown by young John Margarites, both with his head and his educated feet, were worthy of an international veteran.

For the losers, the best players were Falzon, Muscat, Sacco (after he got over his early nerves), McKenna, Vella and Gibb.



MANNY POULAKAKIS, coach responsible for lifting Hellas to the top of the 5 league.

GIBB CHASES LEADERS

With a hat-trick at Olympic Park in the Geo Cross v Melbourne match, Scottish centre-forward Marshall Gibb has moved into second place in State League goal-scoring table.

Another goal-hungry centre-forward is moving the top of the list w rocket-like speed. He S.M.-Hellas' Hatzeftheriou.

This is how they stand May 6.

Villers, Hakoah, 4; Fekete, Melbourne, 5; George Cross, 5; Hatzeftheriou, S.M.-Hellas, 5; Beerendonk, Wilhelmina, 5; Margarites, S.M.-Hellas, 3; G. nowski, Polonia, 3; Ha Slavia, 3; McKenna, Geo Cross, 2; Tsolakis, S.M.-Hell 2; Vella, George Cross, 2; Zielinski, George Cross, 3.

JUVENTUS, G.C. ON CHANNEL

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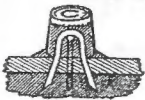
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Metropolitan round-up

Croatia have gained seven new players this season in an attempt to win State League promotion. These players and their previous clubs are P. Basic (J.U.S.T.), B. Basic (George Cross), D. Gulin (Juventus), R. Stasch (Austria), W. Votjek (Essendon), R. Brkic (Polonia) and M. Suhodobnik (Essendon).

First year player Jim Mitchell is playing well in goal for University and rapidly gaining the experience and finesse of a capable player. He is being hard pressed by reserve goal-keeper Paul Aldred.

Mike Preston, P. Weidenhaupt and L. Stubbs are a formidable trio of consistent goal-scorers for Bayswater.

Hank Van der Helm, 18, Dutch goalkeeper for Sandringham Reserves, has greatly impressed club officials with his keenness and ability. It seems certain that with Ron Alexander and Hank both playing well in goal, the opposition will find it hard to score against either the Firsts or Reserves.

Makedonia are trying to import four new players from Yugoslavia. They are out to improve their side at all cost.

Although Heidelberg have improved their team, they have not improved their ground. It is uneven and a disadvantage to visitors.

Coburg's progressive move to regain the First Division has succeeded through team efforts. It has also been helped by the signing of four new players — Cecil Early (Distillery Irish League club), Frank Loughran (Moreland), P. Murray (London), and Alex Cairns (Crusaders Irish League).

Justl Weissgran has been with Austria S.C. since its formation in 1957. Justl was a better than average

player in Austria and played for the Melbourne team as centre-forward in 1957 and 1958. He's now team manager and is looked on as "Father-confessor."

He's supported by his wife and daughter, Sisell, and the club committee.

University are missing the services of Medical student Jim Anastasios, who, because of hospital duties, has been forced out of the team. He would be of great use on the forward line.

G. King, a popular personality at Coburg, is again team manager of the Reserves.

Heidelberg have been lucky with injuries this season. So far they have not had to change their team because of injured players.

In the First Division North, Croatia is putting up the sort of record which reminds us of the way in which Wilhelmiana crashed through the lower divisions in its rise to the top. Seven games played, seven games won, 24 goals "for", and 2 goals "against". Not bad, huh?

In memory of the late Joe Sullivan, who was tragically killed last year, Sandringham City has donated a trophy for the best club man in its three teams (firsts, reserves, and juniors).

This trophy is aimed at finding the best "Hammer" for 1962 and as each team is in its respective four, voting is very keen. A club official reports that all players are polling well as there are very few individual stars at Olive Street this year.

Thank you F. Aziak, of 24 Craigielea Ave., St. Albans, for your report, but please include players names next time.

You can ring "On-looker" at XF 6139 every Saturday night between 6.30 and 10.

BOX HILL SHOOT TO 2ND PLACE

By ONLOOKER

There were no highlights in any of the Metropolitan League matches last Saturday.

The relegation battle in all leagues is tensely building up week after week, and it is quite evident that some teams will be doomed unless they improve.

FIRST NORTH

Heidelberg's surprise loss to previous bottom team Collingwood allowed Box Hill to move into second place on the ladder. However, they are still three points behind league leaders Croatia, who continued their winning run.

Sunshine City have moved into fourth place after their victory over Corio, while at the other end of the table there are four teams in the danger zone.

Providing ample police are in attendance at Tracey's Speedway, the Croatia-Alexander game will be played.

Alexander's slide down the ladder since the grounds became softer must be halted, but against Croatia I can't see this happening. Normally greasy surface of the speedway ground will help the home team gain their eighth successive victory.

Sunshine City meets Box Hill in an even match. These two typically English type of teams are hard battlers and the final result will not be known until the end of the 90th minute. At that stage of the game I predict the scores will be equal.

The four bottom teams meet on Saturday. Victory to any one of these will help to solve the relegation position for at least a couple of weeks.

University at home to Collingwood will be looking for a victory before they travel to the inter-variety championships. Collingwood's improvement over recent weeks suggests that University, who foolishly experiment with their team, will lose. Sicilia and Corio clash and a victory to Sicilia would place them equal with Corio on points. However, I think Corio

will be too good for Sicilia.

In the other matches Heidelberg should lose to Moreland and Moonee Ponds could gain two points at Maccabi's expense.

FIRST SOUTH

Sandringham's victory over Fernree Gully consolidated their second place on the ladder. They now meet Austria, and on form they should win a close game.

Richmond meet improving Brighton, and I'm tipping an upset in this game, with Brighton taking the points.

Fernree Gully's poor form of recent weeks gives their supporters little to be pleased about. However, they should make amends, and also improve their goal average by defeating Geelong, who appear certain to be demoted at this stage of the season.

In the other games Yalourn at home should overcome Trident and away from the relegation zone, while Dandenong should gain another victory at Oakleigh's expense.

Makedonia and Bayswater, two vastly improved teams, meet in what should be a very even game. A draw would not surprise.

SECOND NORTH

One point separates four teams, who are all struggling to gain second place and promotion at the end of the season.

These teams, Williams-town (11), ICI (11), Libertas (10), and Norlane-Olympia (10), will struggle against each other, but at this stage of the season Libertas appear to have the best chance because they have a game in hand.

ICI and N/Olympia meet in the match of the day, with the winning team gaining an advantage over its opponents. ICI should win this game although they'll have to be at top strength.

Fairfield, Libertas, St Albans, Williamstown and Coburg should win.

SECOND SOUTH

The match of the day here is between the leading teams — Kensington and Ringwood. The home team should win and move ahead to the top of the ladder.

In the other games FND, Moorabbin, Park Rangers, South Yarra and Triestina should all win.

PLAYERS' CLUB FOR HAKOAH

Hakoah players have taken an active part in forming a new social and supporters' club.

With Bill Sime at the helm, and with Alan Villers and Alan Forsyth as treasurer and secretary respectively, the players' club will work with the ladies' auxiliary in organising social functions and in providing amenities at home games.

Mrs Alexander and Mrs Simon will represent the ladies' auxiliary on the committee.

Mayor saw his first soccer

Last Saturday Moorabbin played Sandringham in a soccer match to commemorate the City of Moorabbin Centenary.

The Mayor, Mr L. Coates, was present seeing his first soccer match.

Technical School Soccer

SECTION ONE

	W	L	D	B	P
Noble Park	1	—	—	2	—
Moorabbin	1	—	—	2	—
Appendale	1	—	—	2	—
Frankston	—	1	—	1	—
Brighton	—	1	—	1	—
Oakleigh	—	1	—	1	—
Sandringham	—	1	—	1	—
Dandenong	—	1	—	1	—

SECTION TWO

	W	L	D	B	P
Caulfield	1	—	—	2	—
Jordanville	—	1	—	1	—
Swinburne	—	1	—	1	—
Braybrook	—	1	—	1	—
Box Hill	—	1	—	1	—
Blackburn	—	1	—	1	—

SECTION THREE

	W	L	D	B	P
Preston	1	—	—	2	—
Coburg	—	1	—	1	—
Watsonia	—	1	—	1	—
Heidelberg	—	1	—	1	—

SECTION FOUR

	W	L	D	B	P
Geelong	1	—	—	2	—
Flemington	—	1	—	1	—
Collingwood	—	1	—	1	—
Braybrook	—	1	—	1	—
Sth. Melb.	—	1	—	1	—
Fawkner	—	1	—	1	—
Richmond	—	1	—	1	—
Frankston	—	1	—	1	—

SECTION FIVE

	W	L	D	B	P
Sunshine Nth.	1	—	—	2	—
Nidrie	—	1	—	1	—
Tottenham	—	1	—	1	—
Sunshine	—	1	—	1	—
Altona	—	1	—	1	—
Essendon	—	1	—	1	—
Williamstown	—	1	—	1	—

Personality Parade

By ONLOOKER

No. 7

The Taussig family has controlled the Presidential position of Melbourne University Soccer Club since 1959.

Until this year, Mr Emil Taussig was in office, but pressure of business forced his retirement and his son took over.

At 21, Michael (Bubbles, Mario, Jock, Mac) Taussig has good claims of being the youngest president in Victorian soccer. After his appointment as president he said, "I'm very pleased to be able to follow my father's footsteps, and I hope to keep up the tradition and service established by him."

Underneath his jocular mask is a sincere, respected gentleman who graduated last year from Melbourne University with a Bachelor of Laws degree. He plays centre-half for his club.

Mike is a capable leader who has had plenty of practice over the past years as captain of three teams, Hakoah Under-14 in 1954, Maccabi Under-20, and University in 1960.

Representative

On top of all this he has been a member of Melbourne's team in the annual inter-variety champion ships since 1958, representing the Australian team against South Australia in 1960 and against the touring Fiji team at Armidale last year.

Mike, as a defender has tried hard and has been rarely beaten, and his consistent play has gained him a half-blue in 1958, and full-blues in 1959, 1960 and 1961.

This achievement is possibly a record for soccer at Melbourne University and could be a record for any sport.

Asked about this year's inter-variety championship, the most important series of games for the "Shop" team, Michael said, "We will win inter-variety for sure, making it the third year in succession that we've won this prized trophy."

Trained students

He firmly believes that official linesmen are necessary at all First Division games, and he has trained many students to run the line honestly, capably and fairly.

It can be seen therefore that Mike is a man who truly deserves his important position. The same can be said of his father's years as president. Mr Emil Taussig has served the club well, although during his term of office playing success was very mixed.

In 1959, University won promotion from the Second Division North to the First Division, but were relegated back to the Second Division.

Last year they succeeded in gaining promotion back to the top rung, where they hope to remain permanently.

Mr Taussig (senior) was respected by everyone at Melbourne University, but his loss will be softened by the appointment of his capable son Michael to the position of President.

YOUR BROADCASTS

3KZ "SPOTLIGHT ON SOCCER" Every Friday, 7.15-7.45 p.m. WITH Stuart Beaton, Alex Barr and Jim Cook

3AR "SPORTING ROUND-UP" Every Friday at 6.30 p.m. WITH Alex Barr

3KZ "SOCCER HALF-HOUR" For all the results, views and interviews. Every Saturday at 6.15 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. WITH Fred Villiers, Morrie Buckner and Stan Stacey

3KZ "RENDEZVOUS WITH SOCCER" Every Saturday at 8.45 p.m. WITH George Pedlar

GTV9 "TONY CHARLTON SHOW" Every Sunday at 12 noon WITH Alex Barr

ABV2 "SPORTS CAVALCADE" Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. WITH Graeme Cope

YOUR MATCH REPORTS

SANDRINGHAM - FERNREE GULLY

In this hard, fast game Fernree Gully's goalie kept Sandringham, who were winning in every position, from scoring more than they did. Betts alone in a penetrating Sandy forward line, while in defence captain-coach Reid was unbeatable.

Goal-scorers: Sandringham, Betts 2 and Swarzonos.

BRIGHTON - DANDENONG

In the fifth minute Brighton defender Bill Mace made an error in passing back to his goalie and the ball hit the upright, rebounding across goal to be hit first time into the net by an on-rushing forward.

Brighton equalised in the 30th minute through Waitzer. Both teams had opportunities to score in the second half.

Pritchard put Brighton in the lead when he fastened onto a loose ball and shot from 40 yards out into the net. Dandenong did not give up trying and equalised in the 75th minute.

Best players for Brighton: Dave Hunt, Alan Sullivan and Arthur McArdney.

TRIDENT - MAKEDONIA

In a fast open game Makedonia's solid teamwork easily accounted for Trident after an even first half. Trident scored first after two minutes but Makedonia equalised in the 34th minute when Bukas netted.

Makedonia scored again in the 55th minute through Bukas, and in the 67th minute through Yournosia. Referee Mr Lashrich kept control over a hard, fast game.

COLLINGWOOD - HEIDELBERG

Heidelberg had 75 per cent of the play up to half-time, but poor passing by the half-backs prevented any score.

Heidelberg's goal came in the second-half when inside-left Colbourne netted. Heidelberg's loss was due to the fact that their half-backs were not covering their respective men.

Best players for Heidelberg: Lamparter, Kilburn.

BAYSWATER - GEELONG

Teams were fairly even in this game, Bayswater scoring their first goal after 10 minutes. Geelong replied in the 20th minute when outside-right Jan shot into the net.

Mike Preston scored for Bayswater twice in the 35th and 75th minutes of the match. In the 50th minute Geelong were awarded a penalty. The shot taken by Murray hit the goal-keeper and on the rebound was fired back against the crossbar.

At 85 minutes Heinz Eller converted a penalty.

Goal-scorers: Bayswater 4: Eller 2, Preston 2, Geelong 1: Murray.

COBURG - W.W.F.

In Coburg's overwhelming defeat of W.W.F. five players scored goals. A Cairns scored five. Joe Farrugia, Coburg's right-half, even scored in this mammoth victory.

W.W.F. missed a penalty in the 15th minute and Coburg also missed one in the 55th minute. Goal-scorers: Coburg: A. Cairns 5, P. Loufuran 2, G. Early 3, W. Young 1, P. Murray and J. Farrugia.

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SOCCER MAN'S DIARY 27

By DON SUTHERLAND

WHILST THE "new" Council of the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association has made great contributions towards the tremendously successful opening of the 1962 soccer season in Victoria, the council has been faced with the enormous difficulty of dealing with the multitude of matters, some urgent, some not so urgent, which currently need to be dealt with. However, council chairman Mr Theo Marmaras recently delivered a most important address to council members, which laid down broad principles of procedure which will have the effect of ensuring that matters will in future be dealt with by council in order of their importance and urgency. These proposals have been accepted in principle.

THE IMMEDIATE effect of such proposals is that the Executive of the Federation, namely, Mr Theo Marmaras (chairman), Mr Don Sutherland (deputy chairman), Mr Eric Heath (treasurer), Mr John Dickson and Mr J. van Hoboken, will continue to fulfil their principal functions of dealing with the daily handling of all matters concerning the proper running of the Federation, between regular meetings of the full council. Additionally, however, the Executive will now be responsible for organising the agendas of council and its sub-committees to ensure that the most important items can be dealt with first.

Obviously, the full council remains the supreme body within the Federation and will continue to lay down all policies for the future progress of soccer in Victoria. We can now look forward to prompt handling of the multitude of matters before the council without any weakening of the structure or power of the newly-formed Council of Management.

A DATE has now been set for the meeting of all Metropolitan League clubs, to confirm or otherwise the present Metropolitan League members on Council. The election will take place at a Special General Meeting on Thursday, May 31.

A further important item of business, on which all clubs will vote in accordance with the recent constitutional changes, is to formally change the name of the Association the name by which we are now known and recognised, Victorian Soccer Federation.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER recently discussed by council was the present competition of the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee, headed by stipendiary magistrate Mr P. J. O'Connor, who, as chairman of the committee, has earned wide recognition for his impartial and judicial handling of the cases which the committee has dealt with. It seems generally agreed that if satisfactory independent persons can be found to sit on this highly important committee, which meets practically every Thursday night, then this would be more preferable to asking club members to have to undertake this arduous task.

It was decided to make renewed appeals for independent persons who would be prepared to sit on this committee through all possible meetings and that applications would subsequently be considered by the full council. In the meantime, the present committee assisting Mr P. J. O'Connor will remain in effect. Currently, Messrs Campbell and Bedrossian assist Mr O'Connor in dealing with State League cases, while Messrs Hay and Perissinotto assist with Metropolitan League cases. Mr D. McDougall, an "independent" applicant will be asked to act as an "emergency" member, in case of absence of any of the current committee, pending the full consideration of applications by independent persons.

THE PROPOSALS of the Referees' Association, which were placed before the Federation Executive, were recently discussed for over two hours by council. The highly important subject of a requested pay increase for referees was referred to the respective State and Metropolitan League Management Committees for their comment and recommendation. It was noted, with considerable approval, that referees would attend meetings of the Disciplinary Committee since council fully agrees with Mr P. J. O'Connor that this is essential, if justice is to be done in all cases.

The request by the referees for free admittance to Federation venues on presentation of their official membership ticket was received with some sympathy, but was felt to be impractical, particularly in view of

arrangements with the "landlords" of certain grounds, who limit the number of pre-passes which may be issued.

LENGTHY DISCUSSION also took place on alleged abuse of the replacement of "injured" players, particularly field players, since it was felt by some council members that some clubs were taking advantage of the rule to replace tired or out-of-form players shortly before half-time. However, since general agreement could not be reached on a satisfactory way of re-drafting the rule so that genuine replacements could only be made, and it was felt undesirable to permit unrestricted replacements of players, it was decided to retain the rule in its present form and to trust clubs to observe it in the right and sportsmanlike spirit.

AS A CONTRIBUTION to "Soccer Weekly" it gives me particular pleasure to report that the circulation of our newspaper is now well in excess of 6000 copies per week, which is pretty well double the circulation in previous years. Whilst the increased sales reflect the growing popularity of soccer and the very high standard of the publication, it is fitting to pay tribute to the Herculean efforts of Federation Publicity Chairman, Mr J. van Hoboken, in obtaining the wide distribution which we now have through newsagents and bookstalls.

A major share of the credit for the very high standard of the current publication is due to hard-working editor-in-chief, Mr Fred Villiers. There is tremendous publicity value in having such a fine publication as the official paper of the Victorian Soccer Federation and the efforts of the two gentlemen referred to, aided by the various contributors, are making a real contribution to the progress of all clubs. The printers, Peter Isaacson Pty. Ltd., of Brighton, have co-operated to the fullest extent in enabling "Soccer Weekly" to be on sale on Thursday of each week.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Sporting spirit is not something which comes out of a bottle — it is that outlook which enables a supporter to applaud good play by an opposition team and to give encouragement rather than criticism to his own team. A team, or a player, tries harder to win praise than it does to defy criticism.

BENFICA RETAIN CUP

From Our Special Correspondent

LONDON, Tuesday: Real Madrid started as favorites in the European Cup Final in Amsterdam but after a 3-2 lead at half-time, Benfica fought back and retained the cup for the second year in succession.

I watched the game on TV and could see clearly the naturalised Spaniard, Ferenc Puskas, of Real Madrid, taking his jersey off after the game and handing it over to Eusebio, the wonder boy of Benfica.

Puskas must have felt very proud, having scored a hat-trick in the first half. He scored in the 17th minute, five minutes later the second and the third in the 38th minute. Yes, three left-footers in 21 minutes!

At 35, Ferenc Puskas, the veteran ex-Hungarian champion, is still a great and popular figure all over the

world, but not far behind him is 20-year-old inside-right Eusebio, from Mozambique.

Benfica, meaning "eagles", fought like the birds they're named after and they're worthy cup winners.

Eusebio scored the last two Benfica goals (one a penalty). Aguiar, centre-forward; Cavan, half-back; and Coluna, inside-left, scored the others.

The 65,000 capacity crowd paid £55,000 sterling. Mr Horner, of Holland, refereed the game very well. He was always on the spot, never allowed any foul play and his decisions were good and quick.

Footnote: Ironically, Bela Guttmann, the Benfica coach, is, as from last night, unemployed. His contract expired and was not renewed. Under his skilful guidance Benfica won the European Cup twice.

GTV9 'Battle' has finished

IT'S ALL over now. The GTV9 battle between Tony Charlton and Alex Barr finished on Sunday... all smiles.

It paid off for soccer. Alex now gets a total of eight minutes on the Tony Charlton Show (twice the time he had before). This will appear in two sessions of four minutes each.

It will be seen between noon and 1 p.m. to enable soccer fans to see the game at Olympic Park.

Thank you, Tony. We support those who support us.

As well as the radio programs listed on page 4, soccer results can be heard on Saturdays from the following stations: 3UZ at 5.15 p.m. and between 6 and 6.30; 3AK at 5 p.m.; 3DB at 5 p.m.; 3AR at 5.30 and 6.30 during "Sporting Round-up" and on ABV2 at 5 and 5.30, also at 7.15 p.m.

Soccer Weekly Associate Editor Stan Stacey is now on the phone. State League clubs and officials are invited to contact him on Sunday mornings between 9 and 12 at 52-3851.

Did you see that nice handshake by one of the Spurs players when he fouled a Burnley boy in the FA Cup Final on ABV-2 last Saturday? Let's have some of this good sportsmanship here, please!

Did you know Wilhelmina is the present holder of three cups? The Ampol, Harry Armstrong and the Final Four. And they're in a nice position on the League Ladder too. One point behind the leaders with a game in hand!

There's little prospect of any changes for the SM-Hellas team to play Slavia at Middle Park next Saturday, according to Des Hamilton. He says: "After last week's exhibition Karpousas, Gerdan and Kalogeros are good players waiting for a game. And with the reserves taking all before them, players like Jordan, Mandalis and Bugden are first team players of the future."

We noticed that Martin Beurcht doesn't like being harassed when he gets the ball. On one occasion during the Hakoah - Juventus match when Alan Villiers shouldered him in a perfectly lawful way, he "did his block" in no uncertain manner. Tut, tut, Martin. You're playing football, not fiddlefink!



TONY CHARLTON

ALEX BARR



Player with a nose for news in the State League is Hakoah's Johnny Alexander. He gave us the tip of a double birth in the Hakoah club this week.

At half-time in the Hellas-George Cross match, Hellas led 1-0, and this score was a fair reflection of the play. In the second period, Hellas again scored the only goal, but in the last 30 minutes Hellas were again three goals better than George Cross. In a way, scoreboards, like cameras, CAN lie!

Player of the week title was well earned by Hellas centre-half Basil Kourkoulakas. He stopped the George Cross attack and gave his team-mates the incentive to win the vital two points.

A total of 22,600 people saw State League soccer last weekend. Nearly 20,000 of these saw the two games at Olympic Park.

Lightning DOES strike twice in the same place. The goal scored by McQuillan for Hakoah against Juventus last Sunday was almost exactly identical to the one with which Croat beat the Zebbras a fortnight before. Juventus is in attack — a long clearing pass comes up the left-wing — Juventus backs caught off guard — opponent collars the ball and passes Beurcht with an angled shot. In each case, the goal turned a draw into a defeat.

When Binnie replaced the injured Hodgson at Olympic Park last Saturday, George Cross had five Scotsmen on the field — McKenna, Copeland, Gibb, Montague and Binnie. Add an English goalie and a Spanish inside-right and we find that we've got to drop the misleading phrase "the Maltese side."

Horst Zielinski, the George Cross player with a broken leg, will receive a pennant from the Juventus committee before the start of the big game on Saturday. George Cross and Juventus also will exchange pennants.

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The Pick of the Post

SIR—As a soccer fan, and being a regular reader of your interesting paper, could you tell me whether the European Cup Final will be telecast this year?

C. VAN ECKELLEN
51 Morris St. Ballarat.
● The ABC have no news of the film coming to Australia. However, they tell me they are trying to get it here.—Editor.

SIR—If soccer is to progress throughout Australia we must get better referees than we have at present. Far too many of them are not good at their job and are spoiling State League games.

A committee should be appointed to check on every game a referee controls, and if he does a bad job he should be suspended for a number of weeks, just like the Disciplinary Committee suspends bad players.
JOHN PANTZOPoulos
11 Lydia Ave.
Nth Campbellfield.

SIR—Allow me and Florantina SC to congratulate you and the Soccer Weekly staff on the complete success of your efforts.

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—ALDO BASILE
61 Wellington St.
Flemington.

SIR—As from and including May 19, all our First North Reserves' home games will be played at Coles Reserve, Cumberland Rd, with 1 p.m. kick-off.
—T. WALKER
Sec. Coburg Utd.
42 Fairview St. Glenroy.

SIR—As a soccer fan and a reader of your interesting paper, I would like to know whether Australia is ever going to invite other countries for international matches.

—PETER LOUCAS
19 Harper St. Westgarth.
● At present Australia is banned from international competition because FIFA claim we "beached" players from Europe. FIFA has demanded fees totalling \$50,000 before it will consider lifting the ban. As soon as this matter is settled we will have international games in Australia again.—Editor.

SIR—I read with interest Stan Stacey's article in the Globe, Saturday, May 5, covering the Hakoah-Hellas game and, after reading it four times, I'm wondering if he actually saw the match. If he did, it was the most mixed up and un-judged one-eyed report I have read this season.

In my opinion both teams were equal with SM-H forwards stronger than Hakoah's. Hakoah's back-line were far more outstanding, which the score itself shows. Mr Stacey failed to tell us that SM-H second goal was obtained from a free-kick, which was once again unjustly rewarded, but again Hakoah took the defeat over this doubtful goal, the same as they did the draw with George Cross.

What a ridiculous statement of Mr Stacey's: "Hakoah had eight men in defence." What is he trying to prove with this statement? Surely and that Hakoah needed eight men in defence against SM-H forwards. I was one who saw the match thoroughly, and many more agree that Hakoah's defence of Alexander, Woodward, Adams and Hartly had them well under control, which is a feather in Hakoah's cap after three of SM-H forwards are State players.

I find the Soccer Weekly very interesting. Let us

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keep it that way with fairness to all clubs and players. Soccer is growing and I am sure that three or four teams are not making this possible alone, but all the teams in Victoria.

"FED UP ON FEDERATION."
(Name and address supplied.)
SIR—What can soccer hope to gain by hurling insults at a code which it well knows is so well established that it has become part of living with the majority of Melbourneites.

In its last issue your paper called the game "aerial ping pong", while in a most shocking display of bad manners last Sunday over Channel 9, Alex Barr spent a great part of his allotted time in making cracks at the referee, the game and finally rounded off his tirade by saying: "Now we take you back from football to mobile wrestling." I have never heard anybody in the show attacking soccer in any way.

Apart from the descriptions of the Australian game as "aerial ping pong" and "mobile wrestling" being unoriginal—the former being a rugby term applied to Australian Rules and the latter used by the Australian Rules fan against rugby in retaliation—these tactics will gain nothing except a few sniggers from fanatical one-eyed soccer fans.

The Australian Rules supporter will be incensed particularly when he recalls, firstly, the ad placed in the newspapers just a few weeks ago when the Soccer Federation attempted to attract crowds to the night games, which started off with a piece of flattery—"We admire your great game..."; and secondly Alex Barr's statement even more recently in a talk with Norm Smith over the same session that he now attacks, that if he had been born in Victoria, he would no doubt have played with the "Demons."

Cannot soccer find any other way to boost its interests? Rugby gets much less space in the newspapers than does soccer, and it gets no time at all on the Sunday TV shows. But no squeals are heard from that quarter. The newspaper space given to the VFA is generally no greater than that given to soccer, while in the Sporting Globe the space given to soccer is, I venture to suggest, taken into account the relative popularity of the two codes, greater than it should expect.

When one sees such names as Silvagni, Benetti, Varkamos, Vinar, Defferous, Ricci and Goloupolos in Australian Rules sides, is not the lesson obvious?

—H. FODEN
353 Glenferrie Rd.
Malvern.

SIR—We're just silly old fools, who don't know the rules.
We run around blowing a whistle.

Then amid all the hoots, we take off our boots. And sit down to write our epistle.

We've got to take care how we word the affair. And do our best not to offend you.

But as we speak, with our tongue in our cheek, I know where we'd like to send you.

Week in, and week out, we put up with the lout. Who slangs us; he's just a tormentor.

But that kind of nut just hasn't the gut. To operate out in the centre.

He can bawl till he's sick, but he won't take a trick.

If his team's got to win at all cost. He'd be better at home, with some ice on his dome.

For his team may have won—but he's lost! And who can forget our own darling pet.

The answer to everyone's prayer.

All season we nurse him, and silently curse him.

That insolent, ill-tempered player. I could play up like you; and sulk and cry too.

Or shout like a fool from the stand.

But till you can play fair with this silly old square.

Don't bother to shake my hand.

You've had your fun boys, and made plenty of noise.

But by now you should know very well.

I've seen all this corn, since before you were born.

And for me you can all go to—Olympic Park!
(Name and address supplied.)

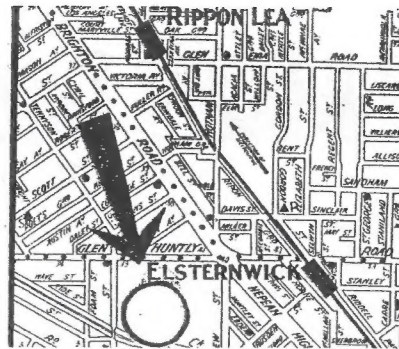
POOLS SCORES

NEW SOUTH WALES
(Because of heavy rain all soccer at the weekend was washed out.)

QUEENSLAND
Div. 1: Helleslie 3, Easts 3; Balmoral 3, Latrobe 4; Meriton 1, Blackstone 6; Oxley 2, St. Helens 2; Thistle 1, Azzurri 2.
Div. 2: Onipso 5, Redcliffe 3; Mitchell 3, Bulimba 1; Polonia 0, Germania 2; Postal 5, University 5; Sandgate 1, Redbank 2.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Div. 1: Budapest 3, Croatia 0; Juventus 3, Beograd 0; Lion 1, Birkalla 4; Grange 2, Cumberland 1; Victoria 2, Polonia 2.

WEST AUSTRALIA
Div. 1: Athena 2, Azzurri 3; Nth. Perth 1, Windmills 2; Olympic 3, Cracovia 2; Swan 4, 2, Fremantle 3; Tricolor 3, South Perth 2.
Div. 2: Cottesloe 1, Kier 2; Guildford 1, Vantase 4; Macedonia 1, Spearwood 5; Juventus 3, Alexander 1; Subi-

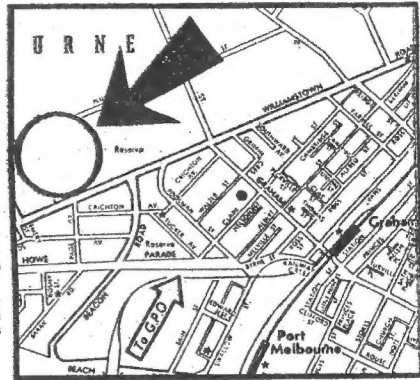


CROAT v Polonia

ELSTERNWICK PARK,
Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick.
CARS: St. Kilda Rd and Brighton Rd, or Williams Rd and Hotham St, to Glenhuntly Rd. TRAM: Carnegie No. 4 tram from Swanston St or St. Kilda Rd to Stop No. 41 at Glenhuntly Rd. TRAIN: Take Brighton Beach or Sandringham train to Elsternwick station, then walk quarter-mile west on Glenhuntly Rd.

LIONS v Hakoah

MURPHY RESERVE,
PORT MELBOURNE.
CARS: Take Normanby Rd from south end of Spencer St bridge to Port Melbourne Cricket ground, then proceed half a mile on Williamstown Rd to ground. From St. Kilda take Esplanade and Beaconsfield Parade into Beach Rd and Williamstown Rd. TRAIN: To Graham Station. BUSES: Garden City and Fishermen's Bend buses from Flinders St and Queens Bridge.

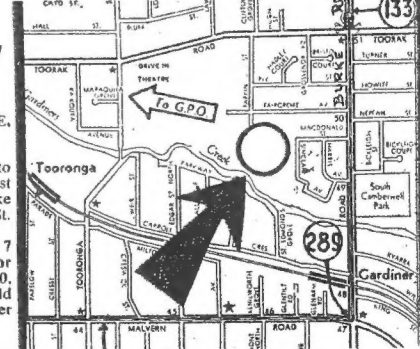


S. M. HELLAS v Slavia

MIDDLE PARK
CARS: From the north enter Albert Park on the roadway near the South Melbourne Tech. School and proceed half-mile to ground. From the south, enter Park from Fitzroy St near St. Kilda Cricket Ground and proceed quarter-mile to ground, keeping on left-hand road. TRAMS: Take St. Kilda line train to Middle Park, then walk 200 yards across park to ground behind "Golf" sign.

MELBOURNE v Moreland

MACDONALD RESERVE,
HAWTHORN.
CARS: Toorak Rd to Parkin St (first street past drive-in theatre). Or Burke Rd to MacDonald St.



POOLS PUNTERS' CORNER

NSW NORTH DIVISION 1													SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION 1												
HOME						AWAY							HOME						AWAY						
	W	D	L	Goals F A		W	D	L	Goals F A	P		W	D	L	Goals F A		W	D	L	Goals F A	P				
Adonis	2	1	0	8	2	1	0	0	5	0	7	Victoria	0	1	0	2	2	1	2	0	9	7			
Willand	2	0	0	15	2	1	1	0	0	6	7	Ridgton	1	0	0	9	2	0	9	7	4				
Canack	2	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	1	5	4	Linn	1	0	1	4	7	1	0	9	5				
Moorich	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	1	6	8	Orange	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	5				
L. More	1	0	1	6	2	1	0	1	0	1	9	6	Juventus	1	0	0	6	2	1	0	1	5			
Awaba	2	0	0	9	1	0	0	2	0	2	9	4	Polonia	0	2	0	4	4	1	0	1	13			
W. Col.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	8	Cracovia	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1			
W. Wild	1	0	2	4	14	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	Beograd	1	0	1	3	11	0	0	0	2			
Mayfield	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	3	1	17	0	0	Birkila	1	0	2	7	10	0	0	1	0			
Nwelle	0	0	2	5	7	0	0	2	0	8	0	0	Cambrid	0	0	1	5	7	0	0	1	0			
N.S.W. DIVISION 1													QUEENSLAND DIVISION 1												
Apsia	2	0	0	1	6	4	2	2	0	4	4	2	10	Hilnic	3	0	0	17	1	1	1	0	5	9	
Blown	2	0	0	1	6	4	2	2	0	9	6	1	8	Azzurri	2	0	0	9	2	1	2	0	10	1	
Bpeat	2	0	1	10	8	2	0	0	0	10	10	5	8	Meriton	2	0	0	7	4	3	1	0	2	9	
Prangue	2	0	0	1	8	10	1	0	0	0	7	5	8	Thistle	2	0	0	4	3	1	0	2	9	6	
St. Col.	2	0	1	2	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	7	4	Latrobe	1	2	1	0	5	8	0	1	0	3	
Grille	2	1	0	5	8	0	0	0	2	0	7	7	4	Oxley	1	0	1	3	3	1	1	1	0	3	
Hilnic	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	3	7	4	Birkila	0	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	1	4	
Yugal	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	5	8	St. Helens	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	1	1	3	
Blind	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	8	Easts	0	1	2	6	8	0	0	1	1	3	
Chury	2	0	1	7	5	0	0	0	0	3	4	7	2	Badma	0	0	2	6	9	0	1	2	3	11	
Auburn	1	0	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	19	2	QUEENSLAND DIVISION 2											
Polonia	0	0	2	1	4	5	0	0	0	2	1	3	5	Gemnia	2	0	0	13	2	2	1	0	13	2	
N.S.W. DIVISION 2													QUEENSLAND DIVISION 2												
Croatia	2	0	0	8	2	2	0	0	1	10	2	8	7	Rabak	2	0	0	8	2	1	0	1	3	7	
Blktown	1	1	1	6	6	2	0	0	0	9	5	2	7	Balmal	0	0	0	15	2	1	0	0	13	4	
Bligne	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	1	1	7	9	5	6	Mitchell	0	0	2	2	6	3	0	0	11	1	
Corthna	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	1	1	7	9	5	6	Dniuro	1	0	1	2	4	2	0	1	9	7	
Mellia	1	1	0	2	4	5	1	1	0	7	3	5	6	Polonia	0	1	2	0	3	1	0	2	7	4	
Syd. A.	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	2	6	7	5	St. Helens	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	2	8	13	
Quedia	2	0	1	13	4	0	0	0	2	3	5	4	5	Postal	1	0	2	6	8	0	0	2	0	1	
Stirling	2	0	1	8	6	0	0	0	2	3	5	4	5	Redcliffe	0	1	2	4	9	0	0	1	2	6	
Manly	1	0	1	6	7	1	0	0	0	2	6	12	4	Sndgate	0	0	3	0	21	0	1	1	2	6	
Lalobe	1	0	1	2	7	8	0	1	1	1	1	5	3												
Grille	1	0	1	2	7	8	0	1	1	1	1	5	3												
Tugale	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	12	1	1													

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MSD For Soccer Footballs

"NORHANDEL" £12/10/-
"Select Super" Ziz-zag 18-panel first-quality selected hide. Laceless valve bladder as used in Melbourne Olympics.
"MIDWAY" £8/19/6
18-panel Danish ball in chrome leather, hand sewn. Laceless with valve bladder.



MELBOURNE SPORTS DEPOT
55 Elizabeth St.,
255 Swanston St., & Chadstone.

ALL YOUR SOCCER DETAILS

METROPOLITAN TEAMS FOR THE PARK

By STAN STACEY

Metropolitan First Division North and South clubs will play curtain-raisers at Olympic Park on Sundays from next weekend.

This fulfils a promise the club-controlled Federation made to the lower divisions when wooing the clubs in the middle of the clubs during the Federation Association "war" earlier this year.

Heidelberg and Fiorentina from the First Division North will kick-off the new Federation policy to establish another milestone in the progress of soccer.

Both clubs are high on the league ladder and should give the Park crowd an entertaining game before the State League match.

Main game on Sunday is between State League leaders J.U.S.T. and top team Wilhelm.

It is not certain whether the gate money to the State League clubs will be affected or not on these Sunday games.

Metropolitan clubs will not benefit individually.

A certain percentage of the "gate" will be placed into a pool for all metropolitan clubs to share at the end of the season.

That could come from the present percentage the Federation take from Sunday games.

For many weeks committee members of Metropolitan clubs have been eager for the Federation to fulfil their Olympic Park promise.

But with the difficult task of forming the new Federation, officials had no chance of organising these new fixtures until the season settled down.

Playing Metropolitan curtain-raisers means that the State League teams due to play their reservec sides on the Sunday will have to re-arrange their fixture.

Some State League clubs may have to hire a ground specially for the Reserve game to be played on a Saturday.

Now that the lower divisions have their chance, it's up to the clubs to prove that they are capable of playing good enough football to keep the Olympic Park crowd entertained.

Many followers attending Olympic Park early to see their reserve team in action and to watch new club players.

If the Metropolitan clubs do not come up to expectations then the Federation may be forced to revert to reserve matches as before.

The following Metropolitan teams will play at Olympic Park:

June 10: University v Moonee Ponds (1st Div. North).
June 11: Makedonia v Richmond (1st Div. North).
June 24: Collingwood v Box Hill (1st Div. North).
June 25: Sandringham v Yallourn (1st Div. South).

HUNGARY LOSE

Hungary, England's first opponents in the World Cup soccer finals in Chile, were beaten 3-1 by Italy's "B" side in a "warm-up" match for their World Cup campaign on Friday.

The Italian team led 2-0 at half-time.

Here are your Olympic Park games

All games start 2.45 p.m.

Saturday, May 19: Juventus v George Cross
Sunday, May 20: J.U.S.T. v Wilhelm.
Saturday, May 26: Moreland v S.M.-Hellas.
Sunday, May 27: Slavia v Juventus.
Saturday, June 2: Hakoah v Wilhelm.
Sunday, June 3: Slavia v Wilhelm (replay of April 21 game), Moreland v Lions.

Saturday, June 9: Polonia v Hakoah.
Sunday, June 10: Croat v George Cross.
University v Moonee Ponds.
Saturday, June 16: Rugby Interstate Game.
Sunday, June 17: Wilhelm v Hakoah.
Makedonia v Richmond.
Saturday, June 23: George Cross v Hakoah.
For details how to get to the games see page 6.

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	7	5	0	2	11	4	10
SM-Hellas	7	5	0	2	19	7	10
GEORGE CROSS	7	4	2	1	17	7	10
WILHELMINA	7	4	1	2	16	9	9
HAKOAH	7	4	1	2	16	9	9
JUVENTUS	7	3	2	2	11	7	8
POLONIA	7	3	1	3	10	9	7
CROAT	7	3	1	3	7	10	7
MELBOURNE	7	2	1	4	10	16	5
SLAVIA	7	2	1	4	7	9	4
LIONS	7	1	1	5	3	19	3
MORELAND	7	0	0	7	3	25	0

Slavia v Wilhelm, 21/4/62: Protest upheld. Replay ordered

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
SM-Hellas	6	6	0	0	29	6	12
Wilhelmina	6	6	0	0	35	8	12
Melbourne	6	5	1	0	20	15	11
J.U.S.T.	6	5	0	1	21	14	10
Hakoah	6	4	0	2	17	12	8
Juventus	6	4	0	2	22	13	8
George Cross	6	2	2	2	9	14	6
Slavia	6	2	2	2	14	16	6
Croat	6	2	0	4	16	31	4
Polonia	6	1	1	4	9	19	3
Moreland	6	0	2	4	13	22	2
Lions	6	0	0	6	7	32	0

SECOND SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kensington	7	6	0	1	18	6	12
Bingwood	7	5	1	1	12	6	11
Park Rangers	7	5	1	1	24	10	11
Tristina	7	4	1	2	13	3	10
Frankston	7	4	1	2	19	15	7
FND	7	3	1	3	24	22	7
South Yarra	7	3	0	4	11	14	6
Moarabbin	6	2	1	3	14	18	5
Prathan	7	2	0	5	12	17	4
Sunshine Heights	6	2	0	4	10	19	4
Croydon	7	1	1	5	8	33	3
Rosebud	6	0	1	5	5	23	1

LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE
Hakoah 3, Juventus 2
George Cross 4, SM-Hellas 3
Slavia 1, Melbourne 3
Moreland 5, J.U.S.T. 7
Polonia 4, Lions 3
Wilhelmina 3, Croat 3

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES
Hakoah 3, Juventus 4
George Cross 2, SM-Hellas 3
Slavia 2, Melbourne 3
J.U.S.T. 5, J.U.S.T. 7
Polonia 4, Lions 3
Wilhelmina 3, Croat 3

FIRST DIVISION NORTH
Box Hill 4, University 1
Collingwood 2, Heidelberg 1
Florentina 2, Maccabi 0
Moonee Ponds 0, Croatia 3
Corio 1, Sunshine City 3
Alexander v Sicilia (off)

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH
Austria 1, Richmond 1
Brighton 2, Dandenong 2
Oakleigh 3, Yallourn 4
Trident 1, Makedonia 4
Fernie Gully 0, Sandringham 3
Bayswater 4, Geelong 1

SECOND DIVISION NORTH
Essendon 3, ICI 5
N.Olympia 3, C'wealth Bks 2
Libertas 5, Seymour 0
St. Albans 0, Williamstown 1
Bendigo 1, Fairfield 3
WWF 6, Coburg 13

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH
Ringwood 5, Croydon 0
FND 7, Rosebud 1
Moarabbin 2, Park Rangers 5
Frankston 2, South Yarra 1
Sunshine Heights 2, Kensington 4
Prathan 0, Tristina 2

FIRST DIV. NORTH RES.
Box Hill 4, University 1
N.Olympia 0, Heidelberg 2
W.O. Florentina 1, Maccabi L.F.
Moonee Ponds 2, Croatia 2
Corio 0, Sunshine City 3
Alexander 1, Coburg 0

FIRST DIV. SOUTH RES.
Austria 3, Richmond 0
Brighton 0, Dandenong 1
W.O. Oakleigh v Yallourn L.F.
Frankston 1, Makedonia 1
Fire Gully 0, Sandringham 1
Bayswater 3, Geelong 1

SECOND DIVISION RES.
Ringwood 3, Geelong 3
Azzurri 1, Springfield 0
Moarabbin 1, Park Rangers 0
Brunswick 0, South Yarra 1
Ballarat 4, Ajax 1
Prathan 0, Bell Park 10

THIS WEEK

STATE LEAGUE
Lions v Hakoah
Juventus v George Cross
S.M. Hellas v Slavia
Melbourne v Moreland
J.U.S.T. v Wilhelm
Croat v Polonia

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES
Lions v Hakoah
Juventus v George Cross
S.M. Hellas v Slavia
Melbourne v Moreland
J.U.S.T. v Wilhelm
Croat v Polonia

FIRST DIVISION NORTH
Sunshine City v Box Hill
University v Collingwood
Heidelberg v Florentina
Maccabi v Moonee Ponds
Croatia v Alexander
Sicilia v Corio

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH
Sandringham v Austria
Richmond v Brighton
Dandenong v Oakleigh
Yallourn v Trident
Trident v Dandenong
Geelong v Fernie Gully

SECOND DIVISION NORTH
Fairfield v Essendon
ICI v N.Olympia
C'wealth Bks v Libertas
Seymour v St. Albans
Williamstown v W.W.F.
Coburg v Bendigo

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH
Kensington v Ringwood
Croydon v F.N.D.
Roched v Moarabbin
Park Rangers v Brunswick
South Yarra v Prathan
Tristina v Sunshine Heights

FIRST NORTH RESERVES
Sunshine City v Box Hill
University v N.Olympia
Heidelberg v Florentina
Maccabi v Moonee Ponds
Croatia v Alexander
Coburg v Corio

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES
Sandringham v Austria
Richmond v Brighton
Dandenong v Oakleigh
Yallourn v Frankston
Makedonia v Bayswater
Geelong v Fernie Gully

SECOND DIV. RESERVES
Ajax v Ringwood
Geelong v Azzurri
Springvale v Moarabbin
Park Rangers v Brunswick
South Yarra v Prathan
Bell Park v Ballarat

NEXT WEEK

STATE LEAGUE
Hakoah v Croat
George Cross v Lions
Slavia v Juventus
Moreland v SM-Hellas
J.U.S.T. v Melbourne
Wilhelmina v Polonia

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES
Hakoah v Croat
George Cross v Lions
Slavia v Juventus
Moreland v SM-Hellas
J.U.S.T. v Melbourne
Wilhelmina v Polonia

FIRST DIVISION NORTH
Box Hill v Sicilia
Collingwood v Sunshine City
Florentina v University
(Postponed - University interstate carnival in Brisbane)
Moarabbin v Heidelberg
Croatia v Maccabi
Alexander v Corio

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH
Austria v Geelong
(Olympic Park, Sunday, May 27)
Brighton v Sandringham
Oakleigh v Richmond
Trident v Dandenong
Makedonia v Yallourn
Bayswater v Fernie Gully

SECOND DIVISION NORTH
Essendon v Coburg
N.Olympia v Fairfield
Libertas v ICI
St. Albans v C'wealth Bks
Williamstown v Seymour
WWF v Bendigo

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH
Alfred v Tristina
FND v Kensington
Moarabbin v Croydon
Frankston v Rosebud
South Yarra v Park Rangers
Prathan v Sunshine Heights

FIRST DIVISION NORTH RESERVES
Box Hill v Coburg
N.Olympia v Sunshine C.
Florentina v University
Moonee Ponds v Heidelberg
Croatia v Maccabi
Alexander v Corio

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH RESERVES
Austria v Geelong
Brighton v Sandringham
Oakleigh v Richmond
Frankston v Dandenong
Makedonia v Yallourn
Bayswater v Fernie Gully

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES
Ringwood v Bell Park
Azzurri v Ajax
Moarabbin v Geelong
Scottish v Sandringham
South Yarra v Park Rangers
Prathan v Ballarat

ALL THE JUNIOR RESULTS AND TABLES

UNDER-12, ZONE "A"										UNDER-16, ZONE "B"										Under-12, Zone "A": Trident 1, Deer Park (HC) 9; Sacred Heart 3, Ardeer 3; Olympia 1, E. St. Albans (Bokli) 1; Ajax 1, Sunshine City 1.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
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**LATE NEWS DURING
EXTRA TIME**

GONE WEST!
Juventus' chances of securing star winger Graham Oughton have been lost. Tired of sitting on the touchline waiting for a clearance, Graham has returned to Perth. Meanwhile an inside-forward plays on the wing for Juventus.

NSW UNDER-21 TEAM

The NSW Soccer Federation has decided to form a NSW under-21 team. The federation plans to field the team in the curtain raiser to all future matches played by the NSW State team.

Federation president Dr Henry Seamonds said it was hoped to stage an under-21 match before NSW plays South Australia at the Sports Ground on June 4. An under-21 team would be a big incentive for young Australian boys showing promise of developing into stars of the future.

CUP REPEAT

ABV2 announced last night that the F.A. Cup Final film between Spurs and Burnley will be repeated on Channel 2 on Sunday, June 3, at 2.30 p.m.

JUNIOR BOOST

The Federation last night unanimously decided to approach Mr Jim Paul, former deputy chairman of the VASFA, to assist the juniors this season. Mr A. Johnson put 14 points to council on how to boost junior soccer.

Main worry of the VFL is to improve drinking facilities for their supporters, but the Federation's main worry is how to increase interest with parents for junior soccer. An official said last night: "It's unfair competition. What about asking Coca-Cola, the king of soft drinks, for some assistance!"

FOCUS ON OPINION

DES HAMILTON (StH. Melbourne-Hellas): "Hellas went on with the good work of the previous weeks on Saturday, and although Don Hodgson went off well before the first half finished, George Cross were not making any impression with him, and without him the result never looked in doubt. As Teddy Smith said when he came off: 'It was easy.' We now have the job of staying on top. Usually this is a more difficult task than getting there. But the team can play better and probably will do so."

THEO MARMARAS, Chairman, Victorian Soccer Federation. (Commenting on the move to play Metropolitan curtain raisers at Olympic Park): "Putting the lower division clubs before the larger crowd could encourage the teams to improve their standard and improve soccer in general. They may get more followers to their own home games too."

PETER BYE (The Sporting Globe): "Harrison House (VFL headquarters) may be interested to learn that Essendon Council has granted the Lions Soccer Club a seven-year lease of Montgomery Park. The Lions submitted plans to fence the ground and pay half the cost of a new pavilion. Soccer now has grounds east and west and through key areas of the Essendon and District Football League."

MORRIE BUCKNER, Sun soccer writer: "In last week's Soccer Weekly, I said that bigotry and one-eyed attacks on soccer must be fought and stopped. But the same thing applies in reverse. Members of the soccer community should not indulge in unprovoked attacks on other established codes of football."

"After all, when you have a good product to sell, you should be able to sell it without knocking the other man's product. Australian Rules football can get nearly 200,000 people to watch it every Saturday, and another 50,000 listening to it on the radio."

"Considering the population of Melbourne and the fact that every newspaper publisher and editor fails all over himself to publicise the game, then it must be realised that Aussie Rules is more than a game to its followers."

"It's a religion — and you simply don't poke fun at a religion. Even if you do it in the most friendly spirit, you're on dangerous ground. Even when it is done with the best of intentions — for the purpose of getting more public notice for soccer, for instance — it's still risky. It can easily provoke antagonism towards soccer where none existed before."

Soccer Weekly team

Here is the Soccer Weekly team chosen from State League sides. Selections are made from the best players as nominated by an independent panel of observers.

Players are chosen on a point system. Our panel may select as many as three players from one match or none at all.

Players are chosen for their consistent form, high standard of play, conduct and team work. In fact, the all-round club player is the man that is worthy of a position in the Soccer Weekly team.

BARATJOS (Slavia 4pts)		
ALEXANDER (Hakoah 3pts)	FALZON (George Cross 5pts)	
MCKENNA (Geo. Cross 5pts)	MICIC (J.U.S.T. 5pts)	GLENNIE (Slavia 4pts)
MARGARITES (Hellas 5pts)	BARBAZZA (Juventus 4pts)	
VELLA (Geo. Cross 4pts)	JURECKI (Polonia 4pts)	BONS (Wilhelmina 2pts)

Other players who have scored points: — Barry, Haasz (Slavia), Azopardi, Burns (Moreland), Marth, Voigt (Lions), Rodak, Jankovic (J.U.S.T.), Kenny, Frangioni, Aunsa, Bukkos (Juventus), Copeland (George Cross), Gronowski, Dudan (Polonia), Kourkoulakas, Papadopoulos, Karpovats (Hellas), Bacsi, Fekete (Melbourne), Slivar, Rau (Croat), Vlugals, Van Altena, Mathysen (Wilhelmina), Adams, Villers, Thomas (Hakoah).

'I'M NOT GOING HOME' — SAYS KELLY

South Coast United captain-coach Jim Kelly has denied a report in Soccer Weekly that he and his family would return to England soon.

Kelly denied the report in the Sydney Mirror last week.

The report, which appeared in a recent edition of Soccer Weekly, said: —

"New South Wales right-half Jim Kelly told Soccer Weekly reporter Duncan MacDougall on Monday that Stanley Matthews would play in Australia."

"He said Matthews had agreed to play for South Coast United (NSW) for £200 a match."

"Kelly also said that his wife was not happy in Australia and that they would return to England soon."

"Kelly said he had an offer from a London club and a transfer fee of £12,500 (sterling) was mentioned, providing Blackpool would release him."

In an interview with the Sydney Mirror, Kelly indicated that he and his family planned to travel to England on a holiday on the expiration of his contract with South Coast United in October, 1963.

Unless something unexpectedly important happens, they would return to Australia for the 1964 season.

Kelly confirmed that United officials had been fully aware of his holiday plans for a long time. But even at this stage the overseas visit was not definite, he said.

SETTLED IN

Regarding the report on his wife, Diana, Kelly admitted that she had been "homesick" earlier, but had settled in well now and was more contented than at any previous stage.

Questioned on his association with South Coast United, the former Blackpool captain said: —

"I would not be happy with any other club in Australia."

"My football life is centred on the South Coast."

Kelly also denied that he had received any definite offer from an English football club.

Information contained in personal letters from abroad indicated that some clubs had been interested in gaining his services.

However, at no stage had he received any correspondence from the parties mentioned.

AMAZED

Asked to comment, United secretary Trevor Birch said he was "amazed" to hear of the reports, because Kelly was not only a sincere footballer, but a sincere man off the field also.

"It is ridiculous to even consider that Jim Kelly would break his contract."

"I have known for many months that he proposed to

return to England for a holiday in 1963," he said.

Regarding Stanley Matthews, Birch said that a member of the South Coast club had read in an overseas paper that Matthews would like to come to Australia for a season.

He had passed that information on to Kelly and had asked him to write to Matthews recommending South Coast United if ever he contemplated playing with an Australian club.

No reply has yet been received to Kelly's letter.

Duncan MacDougall writes: Jim Kelly did tell me he was returning to England and that his wife was homesick in Australia. I stand by my story which appeared in Soccer Weekly.

HAKOAH'S DOUBLE

There was a double birth in the Hakoah club last week.

On Friday reserve centre-half Don Barker's wife, Betty, presented him with a boy, Timothy.

It was their first child.

On Sunday while Del Manning was sweating it out in goal against Juventus at Olympic Park, his wife, Marie, gave birth to a boy, Glenn.

Del received the good news immediately after the match.

Capable goalie

Meet Stevo Jankovic, goalkeeper of J.U.S.T. This well-built, modest and very capable keeper has been in Australia seven years. Before emigrating to Australia, Stevo guarded the sticks for Victoria Soccer Club in Salzburg, Austria.

Before coming to Melbourne he had had three years in New South Wales soccer and on arriving here joined the George Cross Soccer Club. Two years ago Stevo was transferred to J.U.S.T. and present indications are that this player, who has a great club loyalty, will continue to serve them well.

Twenty-five years of age, Stevo is married to a Maltese girl, spends his leisure hours playing ten-pin bowling and table tennis.

Stevo thinks that Beurcht, of Juventus, is the best keeper in the State League, club mate Micic is the best half-back and Jurecki, of Polonia, the best forward.

POLONIA DANCE

The Polish community in Yarraville and other western suburbs have organised a dance for this Saturday night, May 19, to be held at the St Augustine Hall, next to Yarraville station.

It will start at 8 p.m. and finish at 2 a.m.



LEXI'S TWO BEST FRIENDS